

**Saskatchewan.**—Provincial welfare services are administered by the Department of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation.

*Child Care and Protection.*—The Department provides welfare services for children throughout the Province, with the exception of Saskatoon where certain responsibilities are delegated to the Children's Aid Society. Children found to be neglected are, by court order, made wards of the Minister and are placed in foster homes, adoptive homes or institutions. A portion of the maintenance costs of wards, except of children born out of wedlock, is paid by the municipality of residence. The Branch operates two institutions for the temporary care of wards. It also operates a program of non-ward care and a program for unmarried mothers.

The Corrections Branch of the Department is responsible for both adult and juvenile correctional services, supervises probation and parole services for juvenile delinquents and administers the Saskatchewan Boys' School and the provincial gaols. The Juvenile Court is presided over by a judge who devotes his time exclusively to cases of juvenile delinquency. Juveniles are discharged from correctional institutions only by parole. A Youth Guidance Authority supervises the discharging of juveniles from probation, from institutions and from parole.

*Care of the Aged.*—The Department operates three homes for the aged, and licenses and supervises all privately operated homes. Maintenance, where necessary, may be arranged under the social-aid program. The Nursing Homes and Housing Branch is responsible for planning to meet future needs of the aged and for cooperating with other governmental organizations in the fields of institutional care and housing for the aged.

*Social Assistance and Special Services.*—The costs of assistance to needy persons are shared equally by the municipalities and the Department, but the Province pays the entire cost for transients and for persons in unorganized areas. The Rehabilitation Branch provides training and placement services for the handicapped; one-half the cost of this training is borne by the Province and one-half by the municipality of residence. It is also responsible for the rehabilitation of minority groups and operates a farm where the Métis—persons of mixed Indian and white stock who do not qualify under the Indian Act—are instructed in modern methods of farming while being paid for their work. Three schools are conducted for Métis children.

The Department administers the Provincial Housing Act which empowers the Province to enter into public housing projects under Sect. 35 of the National Housing Act, and to stimulate construction of low-rental housing projects by limited-dividend housing corporations.

**Alberta.**—The Department of Public Welfare is responsible for the administration of provincial welfare measures. It has branches at the four larger centres, and inspectors are located in suitable areas throughout the Province.

*Child Care and Protection.*—The care of children who are made wards of the Government under court orders or by agreement is under the control of the Child Welfare Commission. These children may be placed in foster homes or in licensed boarding homes or institutions. Permanent wards may also be placed in adoptive homes. The cost of maintenance of wards is paid by the Province which recovers 40 p.c. of such cost from the municipality of residence. The Home Investigating Committee is responsible for the inspection and the licensing, where required, of all homes and institutions in which children are given care. The Attorney-General's Department administers legislation regarding juvenile delinquency.